GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CRIME AGAINST SC/ST WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the atrocities against SC/ST women and children are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases registered during each of the last three years and the current year,State-wise,crime-wise including murder,riots and sexual harassment.

(c) the total number of accused arrested, put on trial and conviction rate achieved during the said period along with the action taken against them,State-wise;

(d) the total number of such cases solved/unsolved and steps taken to solve all the cases and ensure higher conviction rate;

(e) the action taken against the offenders including panchayat bodies reported to have punished the SC/ST women and children harshly for petty offences;and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles data on crime against SC/ST in the country.However Data regarding atrocity against SC/ST women and children is not being maintained separately by the NCRB except in rape cases of SC and ST women.The details of such cases are enclosed at Annexure I and II respectively.

(d): The data of unsolved/solved cases is not maintained centrally.

(e) & (f): As per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India "Police" and "Public Order" are State subjects and,as such the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime,lies with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.However,the Central Government has issued separate advisories to the State Governments and UT Administrations from time to time,to give more focused attention to the prevention and control of crimes against SC/ST within their jurisdiction.